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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Remedy Reevaluation, Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund Site
South Plainfield, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Rizzo:

Thank you for your September 6, 2022, letter on behalf of the Borough of South Plainfield concerning the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) reevaluation of the remedy selected for the Woodbrook Road Dump Superfund Site (Site). Your letter urges EPA to incorporate a future solar use of the Site into its reevaluation of the remedy. Regional Administrator Lisa Garcia has asked me to respond on her behalf.

As noted in your letter, in December 2020, EPA Region 2 publicly announced that it would conduct a technical and scientific review of the remedy selected in the 2013 Record of Decision (ROD), as modified by the 2017 Explanation of Significant Differences. The Region is reevaluating the remedy through a focused feasibility study (FFS) that we are preparing in consultation with EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation. The Region also is consulting with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

EPA will consider the zoned use and the actual and reasonably anticipated use of the Site in the FFS, as it did when it initially evaluated the risks posed by the Site as part of the remedy selection process that culminated in the 2013 ROD. During the evaluation, EPA will consider the Borough's views regarding a solar development as stated in your letter and consistent with EPA guidance.

EPA is making progress on the FFS, although the work is taking longer than the originally anticipated six to eight months projected in EPA's December 2020 Community Update. EPA currently anticipates completing the FFS by the end of 2022.

We recognize the importance of this matter to the Borough of South Plainfield and thank you again for your letter. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Deborah Schwenk,

the EPA's attorney for the Site. Ms. Schwenk's contact information is: 212-637-3149 or schwenk.deborah@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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